CLAIMS:

1.   A method for protecting digital content, comprising:

providing digital content organized by frames to a rendering unit; and

altering a portion of the frames of the digital content within the rendering unit in response to tags in a data stream provided thereto, wherein the alterations of the digital content are not visually perceptible for real-time display but are visually perceptible in a recorded version thereof.

2.   The method, according to claim 1, wherein the step of altering comprises randomly selecting frames for alteration.

3.   The method, according to claim 1, wherein altering comprises removing at least one object from a frame.

4.   The method, according to claim 1, wherein altering comprises relocating at least one object in a frame.

5.   The method, according to claim 1, wherein altering comprises adding at least one object to a frame.

6.   The method, according to claim 5, wherein the rendering unit is a graphics processing unit.

7.   A device for protecting digital content, comprising:

a rendering unit configured to detect tags in a data stream and to associate the detected tags with commands for altering image content.

8.   The device, according to claim 7, wherein the rendering unit includes a table for storing symbols used when associating the detected tags with the

commands.

9.   The device, according to claim 8, wherein the rendering unit comprises memory for storing overlays for alteration of the image content.

10.   The device, according to claim 8, wherein the rendering unit comprises a random number generator for randomly selecting when to apply the commands.

11.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the random number generator randomly selects when to apply overlays.

12.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the rendering unit comprises a decryptor.

13.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the rendering unit is configured to detect watermarks and to alter image frames in response to detected watermarks.

14.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the rendering unit detects watermarks and provides a graphical user interface in response to at least one detected watermark.

15.   The device, according to claim 14, wherein the graphical user interface is provide after detecting a threshold number of watermarks.

16.   The device, according to claim 15, wherein the graphical user interface provides a data entry block for entry of a key.

17.   The device, according to claim 16, wherein the rendering unit is configured to down sample in response to a failure to enter an acceptable key.

18.   The device, according to claim 16, wherein the rendering unit is

configured to disable recording in response to a failure to enter an acceptable key.

19.   The device, according to claim 16, wherein the rendering unit is configured to randomly alter the selected frames in response to a failure to. enter an acceptable key.

20.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a digital video camera.

21.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a digital video disc recorder.

22.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a compact disc recorder.

23.   The recording device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a hard disk drive recorder.

24.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a digital tape drive recorder.

25.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a floppy disk drive recorder.

26.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a solid state memory recorder.

27.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a computer.

28.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a monitor.

29.   The device, according to claim 10, wherein the device is a television.

30.   Digital video content, comprising:

tags for altering image frames by a rendering unit.

31.   The digital video content, according to claim 30, wherein the tags are for removal of at least one object in a frame.

32.   The digital video content, according to claim 30, wherein the tags are for relocation of at least one object in a frame.

33.   The digital video content, according to claim 30, wherein the tags are for addition of at least one object to a frame.